The cost of the IPKF operations in Sri Lanka should be seen in the perspective of our commitment. The IPKF has been sent to Sri Lanka with the specific mission of implementing the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement and to ensure the security and safety of all communities in the Northern and Eastern provinces of that country. However, the operations are under constant review and channels are open to all the groups involved for negotiations.

Production of Colour Picture Tubes

372. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity for production of Colour Picture Tubes in the country; and

(b) the extent of indigenisation of Colour Picture Tubes that is possible with present investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Three plants for Colour Picture Tubes are presently under installation and only the first phase activity has started. Only one plant has recently taken up the second phase of production. All the three plants are likely to complete their installation and commissioning by the last quarter of 1988 with a total installed capacity of 1.75 million nos. Approximately 40 per cent to 50 per cent of the requirements of Colour Picture Tubes during 1988-89 are likely to be met from the local sources and almost full requirements during 1989-90.

Export of Black and White and Colour TV

373. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the latest estimate of the demand of Black and White and Colour T.V. sets in the country by 1992-93;

(b) what incentives and other policy measures are being pursued in order to ensure good quality and reliability of TV sets and to bring down the prices;

(c) whether there is any proposal to export Black and White or Colour TV sets from India; and

(d) if so, what is the estimate of exports in this regard by 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The latest estimate on the demand of Black and White and Colour T.V. sets in the country by 1992-93 is 60 lakhs and 23 lakhs respectively.

(b) The following incentives and measures have been taken by Government to ensure good quality and reliability of TV sets to keep the prices of the product at reasonable level;

(i) Issuing industrial approvals liberally with viable production capacity so that economies of scale are derived and healthy competition encouraged;

(ii) Broadbanding of Industrial Licence approvals for entertainment electronics in the audio and video product categories;

(iii) Electronic components industry has been delicensed and import of technology in this sector is liberally permitted;

(iv) Re-endorsement of industrial capacities with reference to the minimum economic scale of operation has been allowed for CTV production;

(v) The need for ensuring quality and reliability including safety of usage of CTV receivers through quality certification and other schemes;

(vi) The need for a minimum complement of production and test equipment at the manufacturer's premises; and

(vii) The need for standardization of critical components.